

DCMS YOUTH POP-UP CONSULTATION EVENTS

Supporting young people to shape the future of local youth provision

About this project



Participation People (PP) are working in partnership with the Department for Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) to deliver a series of youth pop-up consultation events across England during July 2026.

We are looking to engage young people aged 10–14 through a series of fun, engaging and youth-friendly consultation activities designed to ensure young people's voices directly inform future government thinking and policy relating to local youth programmes and opportunities.

Rather than expecting young people and families to travel to one large central venue, we want to work collaboratively with local organisations and trusted community groups to host sessions in spaces young people already know and feel comfortable in.

We will be hosting these pop-up events throughout July. However, we are also flexible – to a certain extent – around dates and formats, especially if there are existing activities, events or programmes we could potentially “piggy back” onto within your community.



What will the consultations focus on?

Young people's feedback will help shape wider policy thinking on local youth infrastructure, particularly around improving outcomes relating to:

Increasing opportunities

Including access to activities, careers support, training and future opportunities.

Improving mental health & wellbeing

Understanding what support, spaces and activities help young people feel safe, connected and supported.

Reducing the risk of being drawn into crime

Exploring how local youth provision, trusted relationships and opportunities can positively support young people.

Regions we are focusing on



We are particularly interested in ensuring a broad geographical spread and hearing from young people across:

- Urban communities
- Rural communities
- Coastal communities
- Underrepresented regions

Current focus areas include:

- London
- North East
- East Anglia
- North West
- South West / Hampshire, Isle of Wight & Dorset



Group size & participation

We are aiming for pop-up consultation groups of approximately **10–30 young people**, depending on the setting, format and existing provision.

Across all five regional consultation events, we are looking to engage a **minimum of 150 young people aged 10–14**.

We are happy to work flexibly with organisations around group sizes, timings and formats – particularly where there are existing activities, programmes or events we may be able to align with.

Why get involved?



This is an opportunity for young people to:

- Have their voices heard
- Influence future thinking around youth provision
- Shape conversations affecting young people nationally
- Take part in engaging and meaningful activities

Importantly, we are committed to closing the feedback loop.

We will:

- Share outcomes and insights with DCMS
- Acknowledge partner organisations within reporting
- Return to participating groups with updates, outcomes & decisions
- Ensure young people understand how their voices and ideas have contributed to wider policy conversations

Support PP will provide:



We aim to make participation as easy as possible for partner organisations.

We will:

- Bring all session materials and activities
- Arrange consent processes beforehand with parents/carers
- Facilitate the engagement session
- Provide incentives/goody bags where possible
- Work around your setting and young people
- Support safeguarding and delivery planning collaboratively

Sessions can often be delivered within your venue or existing programme/activity.

Interested in partnering with us?

We would love to discuss how we could work together in your region or community. Get in touch hello@participationpeople.com